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## 7th Grade English Diagnostic

**Directions:** Read the short story “The Two Brothers” by Leo Tolstoy and the article “John Lewis Blends ‘60s Tactics, Social Media in New Chapter of Activism.” When you are finished answer the questions using complete sentences in your responses.

### **Questions for “The Two Brothers” by Leo Tolstoy**

- 1) In your own words (i.e. without quoting the story directly), summarize the message written on the stone the two brothers found.

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- 2) What do you think is the meaning of the proverb quoted by the **elder** brother: *In seeking great happiness small pleasures may be lost?*

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- 3) What do you think is the meaning of the proverb quoted by the **younger** brother: *He who is afraid of the leaves must not go into the forest?*

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- 4) What happened to **each brother** by the end of the story?

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***Questions for “John Lewis Blends ‘60s Tactics,  
Social Media in New Chapter of Activism” Article***

1) What is “good trouble”?

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2) What was the “good trouble” John Lewis organized in the Congress?

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3) What do you think is the better way to protest -- using social media (such as Twitter) or staging public, in-person events (such as sit-ins)? **Explain** your answer.

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4) What did John Lewis hope to accomplish in writing the *March* book series, according to the article?

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